



PDAC Family Child Care Credential Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 17, 2016

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Danyle Watkins	Michelle Wagner	Penny Williams-Wolford	Toni Williams
Diana Rosenbrock*	Miranda Lin	Sandra Cole *	
Melissa Johnson	Patricia Twymon	Tami O’Daniel	

**Denotes Co-Chair*

Welcome

- Diana Rosenbrock welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Approval of October 29, 2016 Minutes

- Motion to approve made by Michelle Wagner.
- Motion seconded by Patricia Twymon.
- Motion passed and minutes approved.

Updates

- Family Child Care (FCC) Credential
 - 405 total applications have been received.
 - 149 Family Child Care Credentials have been awarded.
- Redleaf Family Child Care Credential Curriculum Training
 - Training of Trainers (TOT) was held on Friday, November 11 – Saturday, November 12, 2016 at INCCRRA.
 - There were 29 trainers that participated in the TOT.
 - This training will be offered to providers beginning early 2017.
- Competencies – *Diana*
 - All Gateways Credentials are moving toward a competency model. Through an Early Childhood Education Preparation Program Innovation (EPPi) grant, Nancy Latham at Illinois State University and Johnna Darragh at Heartland Community College were contracted as consultants to review the ECE Credential benchmarks.
 - Approximately 347 ECE Credential benchmarks were “repackaged” and categorized into 50 overarching competencies.
 - Rubrics and assessments for these competencies are being developed for higher education institutions to assess these 50 competencies.
 - Work Groups are being formed for the Infant Toddler Credential, Illinois Director Credential as well as the Family Specialist Credential and Family Child Care Credential to change to the competency model.
 - Diana Rosenbrock, Sandra Cole, and Tami O’Daniel will be assisting the consultants in the family Child Care Credential Work Group.

- No information will be changed from the Family Child Care Credential knowledge, skills, and dispositions/benchmarks when reviewing for competencies. All will be embedded into competencies.
 - This work is set to be complete in December 2016 at which point it will be shared with the committees and then higher education faculty throughout the state.
 - November 2016 – dates for face to face competency work groups.
 - December 2016 – telenet for final review with work groups.
 - January 2017 – competencies across all Credentials presented at PDAC Steering Meeting.
 - April 2017 – outreach to higher education institutions and share updated competencies during the Higher Education Forum.

Review Gateways Family Child Care Credential Portfolios

- Gateways Family Child Care Credential – direct route portfolio review **(Attachment A)**.
 - The FCC Credential Committee confirmed that the following applicants have met the requirements of the Family Child Care Credential:
 - DR Applicant 103 – approved for FCC Credential Level 5

Note: The following are post pilot applicants.

 - DR Applicant 59 – approved for FCC Credential Level 2
 - DR Applicant 58 – approved for FCC Credential Level 2
 - DR Applicant 49 – approved for FCC Credential Level 2
 - DR Applicant 61 – approved for FCC Credential Level 4

State Goals Recommendation/Discussion

- During the October FCC Credential Committee meeting a recommendation was drafted for educational requirements for licensed caregivers. **(Attachment B)**
- The Committee felt that a separate recommendation should be drafted for substitutes. **(Attachment C)**
 - Committee reviewed the ExceleRate Illinois Family Child Care Assistant and Substitute Qualifications and Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) Licensing Standards for Section 406.11 and 408.55.
 - Draft for this recommendation was reviewed and discussed:
 - Suggest that substitutes have a different education qualification threshold than the licensee.
 - Substitute providers are hard to find. If they are held to the same qualifications as the primary provider, this could provide a challenge/barrier to finding qualified substitutes for family child care.
 - A substitute most likely would not have education and training specific to family child care.
 - It would be hard to hold substitutes to the same education standards as providers.
 - Currently, substitutes and assistants do not qualify for Gateways Scholarship funds to help them pay for coursework.
 - The ECE Level 1 is a good starting point for substitutes.
 - The Committee decided on the following recommendations:

- By 2020: Family Child Care Substitutes must have completed their Gateways ECE Credential Level 1.
- By 2025: Family Child Care Substitutes must have completed their Gateways Family Child Care Credential Level 2 or ECE Credential Level 2.
- By 2030: Family Child Care Substitutes must have completed their Gateways Family Child Care Credential Level 3 or ECE Credential Level 3.
 - Additional language may be added to rationale to reflect wages.
 - Revised draft will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Next Steps

- Next telenet will be on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

Attachments available upon request

Adjourn

